

REMARKS

SUMMARY

In the Office Action dated January 20, 2004, claims 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, and claim 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schulhof et al. (US Patent No. 5,557,442), in view of Rebane et al. (US Patent 5,978,567).

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-21 without prejudice, and added new claims 22-44. Accordingly, claims 22-44 are currently pending.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Draftsperson objected to Figures 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B, 8A, 9 and 14 as having unacceptable margins. Accordingly, Applicants have included replacement figures 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B, 8A, 9 and 14 herewith. Applicants submit no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rejections to claims 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. §101

Applicants have cancelled claims 20 and 21 thereby rendering the rejections to claims 20 as 21 as moot.

Rejections to claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-21 thereby rendering the rejections to claims 1-21 as moot.

Applicant has added new claims 22-44. Applicants submit that at the very least, Rebane and Schulhof, alone or in combination, do not teach or otherwise suggest 'receiving a seek request from a user to seek to an arbitrary location within a file' or 'determining an arbitrary location within a file based upon a seek request' as claimed by new claims 22-44.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

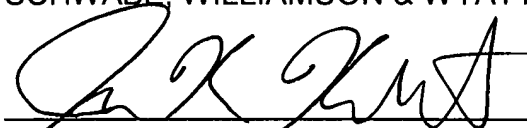
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393. A Fee Transmittal is enclosed in duplicate for fee processing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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